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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Tom "Tom Cat" Eickelman of Benton, who tragically passed away on March 10, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman was born on January 31, 1960 in Miner's Hospital in Christopher; he was the beloved son of Francis "Eick" and JoAnn (Burtoft) Eickelman; he married Kathy Kelley on July 29, 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman worked as a heavy equipment operator for 20 years; he was employed with Midwest Excavating in Benton for the past 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman was a member of International Operating Engineers Local 318, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, and the Sesser-Goode Lodge 744; he was of the Methodist faith; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman was well known for his love of the outdoors and hunting; he served as president of the Franklin County Ducks Unlimited for five years and was an avid supporter and organizer of various wildlife events and local wildlife organizations; he also enjoyed his new Harley-Davidson motorcycle and, most of all, his family, friends, and only

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1 grandson, Landon McKee; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman was preceded in death by his
3 maternal grandparents, Pete and Fay Burtoft; his paternal
4 grandparents, Grover and Beulah Eickelman; and his
5 mother-in-law, Shirley Kelley; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Eickelman is survived by his wife, Kathy
7 Eickelman; his daughter and son-in-law, Mandy and Ryan McKee;
8 his grandson, Landon McKee; his parents; his brother and
9 sister-in-law, Tim and Kindra Eickelman; his nephew, Josh
10 Eickelman; his niece, Jordan Eickelman; and his father-in-law,
11 Dean Kelley; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of Tom "Tom Cat" Eickelman;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Tom "Tom Cat" Eickelman as an
18 expression of our sympathy.